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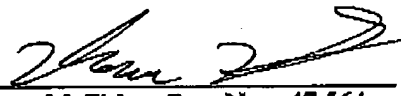
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Title: **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR SECURING A DISHWASHER DOOR**
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Attorney Docket No.: 9D-DW-19324CIP

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**For: METHODS AND APPARATUS
FOR SECURING A DISHWASHER
DOOR**

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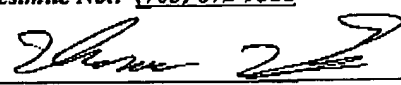
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(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
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| _____ second month | \$ 410.00 | \$ 205.00 |
| _____ third month | \$ 930.00 | \$ 465.00 |
| _____ fourth month | \$1,450.00 | \$ 725.00 |
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Fee: \$ _____

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OR

- (b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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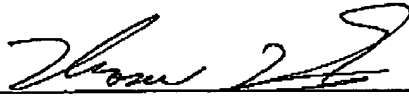
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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated April 14, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (three times amended) A latch assembly for a door including a door retainer projection, said latch assembly comprising:

a handle pivotally mounted to the door for rotation about a first end;

a latch actuator rotationally coupled to said handle and pivotally coupled to the door for rotation about a second end, said handle rotating in a first direction when actuated and said latch actuator rotating in a second direction opposite the first direction; and

a resilient keeper engaged to the door retainer projection in a closed position, said latch actuator configured to disengage said keeper from the door retainer projection when said handle is actuated.

6. (twice amended) A door latch assembly for a dishwasher comprising:

a door comprising a door retainer projection;